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By: **Senator Pinsky**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teachers - State and Local Aid Program for Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision relating to a certain State
4 and local aid program for the certification of teachers; and making this Act an
5 emergency measure.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 6-112
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by
13 Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by
14 Chapter 61 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
15 Section 3

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Education**

19 6-112.

20 (a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue
21 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the
22 State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional
23 Teaching Standards.

24 (b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount
25 provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of 500 teachers to
26 participate in the Program.

1 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the
2 Program established under this section, including:

3 (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and

4 (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

5 (d) (1) Each teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive
6 from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board
7 for Professional Teaching Standards.

8 (2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of
9 certification for each teacher who participates in the Program who teaches in the
10 county.

11 (3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for
12 assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall
13 reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the Program.

14 (ii) The State shall reimburse the county the amount received
15 under paragraph (2) of this subsection on receipt of the reimbursement of aid from a
16 teacher under this paragraph.

17 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not
18 apply to a teacher who completes all the requirements for assessment by the National
19 Board for Professional Teaching Standards but who does not receive certification.

20 (e) The State Board shall establish a statewide staff development plan that
21 utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained National Board
22 certification.

23 **Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of**
24 **1999, as amended by Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2000**

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 on June 1, 1997. [It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years, and, at the end of
27 May 31, 2004, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
28 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
30 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
31 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
32 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
33 the date it is enacted.